



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS UP 3 %

For the week ending October 09, 2004, growers placed 9.9 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.7% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (9.9 million) decreased 2.7% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 12.9 million, a decrease of 1.2% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.0 million for the week ending October 02, 2004 compared to 11.4 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

| WEEK ENDING | CHICKS EGGS SET 1/ | | CHICKS HATCHED 1/ | | CHICKS PLACED 2/ | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | PREV YEAR | CURR YEAR | PREV YEAR | CURR YEAR | PREV YEAR | CURR YEAR |
| ----- THOUSANDS ----- | | | | | | |
| 08/14/04 | 14,346 | 13,803 | 11,918 | 11,416 | 11,918 | 11,416 |
| 08/21/04 | 14,611 | 13,898 | 11,908 | 11,481 | 11,910 | 11,481 |
| 08/28/04 | 14,263 | 13,704 | 11,784 | 11,569 | 11,785 | 11,569 |
| 09/04/04 | 13,809 | 13,342 | 11,788 | 11,509 | 11,791 | 11,509 |
| 09/11/04 | 12,900 | 12,708 | 11,934 | 11,584 | 11,935 | 11,584 |
| 09/18/04 | 12,409 | 12,087 | 11,755 | 11,501 | 11,759 | 11,501 |
| 09/25/04 | 13,052 | 13,345 | 11,302 | 11,181 | 11,302 | 11,181 |
| 10/02/04 | 13,086 | 13,389 | 10,559 | 10,634 | 10,559 | 10,634 |
| 10/09/04 | 13,044 | 12,882 | 10,214 | 9,942 | 10,214 | 9,942 |

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

| | WEEK ENDING 10/16/04 | PREV. WEEK | PREV. MONTH | PREV. YEAR |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| New York Weighted Avg | 63.65 | 63.04 | 61.22 | 59.62 |
| 12-City Composite 2/ | 69.72 | 69.44 | 70.14 | 63.63 |

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.